

**U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
INITIAL POLLUTION REPORT**

DATE: September 16, 2003

SUBJECT: **Eastern Fuels Kerosine Spill**
Ahoskie, Hertford Co., North Carolina

FROM: John Nolen, OSC
Region 4

TO: S. Hitchcock, EPA
Don Rigger, EPA
NCDENR

I. BACKGROUND

FPN # N/A
LEAD AGENCY: EPA, Region 4, ERRB
61 Forsyth St. Atlanta, Ga 30303
NPL: N
FUNDING: OPA
LEAD OSC: Charlie Fitzsimmons
Party Conducting Action: Eastern Fuels

II. SITUATION

Date of Spill: 15 September 2003
Date of Notification: 15 September 2003
Date Action Started: 15 September 2003
Pollutant: Kerosine
Quantity Discharged: 8,400 gallons
Surface Water: drainage ditch
Source Identification: above ground storage tank

III. ACTIONS TAKEN

At 1330 on 9/15/03, the EPA's Emergency Response & Removal Branch (ERRB) was notified via the NRC of a kerosine discharge at the Eastern Fuels facility in Ahoskie, Hertford County, North Carolina. Reports indicated that the discharge occurred around 0600 hours on 9/15/03 due to a damaged pipe connected to an above ground storage tank containing kerosine. The material initially discharged into the tanks secondary containment, but reportedly 6,000 gallons spilled from the containment through an open drain valve. The kerosine entered a drainage ditch behind the facility and continued for approximately 1/4 mile. The kerosine stopped before it entered a nearby creek. Contractors were hired to initiate containment and recovery operations. OSC Charlie Fitzsimmons was dispatched to the scene to provide oversight, technical direction and support.

IV. FUTURE ACTIONS

Response personnel will continue to utilize heavy equipment and vacuum trucks to recover the product from the drainage ditch.

The EPA OSC will continue to conduct the appropriate response actions at the scene of the spill.

V. ESTIMATED COSTS

EPA - \$1,200

**U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
FINAL POLLUTION REPORT**

DATE: October 02, 2003

SUBJECT: Eastern Fuels Kerosine Spill
326 NC Hwy 42 W
Ahoskie, Hertford Co., North Carolina, 27910

FROM: Charles Fitzsimmons, OSC
Region 4

TO: S. Hitchcock, EPA
Don Rigger, EPA
T.Moore, EPA
NCDENR

I. BACKGROUND

FPN #	N/A
LEAD AGENCY:	EPA, Region 4, ERRB 61 Forsyth St. Atlanta, Ga 30303
NPL:	N
FUNDING:	OPA
LEAD OSC:	Charlie Fitzsimmons
Party Conducting Action:	Eastern Fuels

II. SITUATION

Date of Spill:	15 September 2003
Date of Notification:	15 September 2003
Date Action Started:	15 September 2003
Date Action Completed:	15 September 2003
Pollutant:	Kerosene
Quantity Discharged:	8,400 gallons
Surface Water:	drainage ditch
Source Identification:	above ground storage tank

III. ACTIONS TAKEN

OSC responded to site location on September 15, 2003. OSC met with facility engineer responsible for performing cleanup activities. OSC walked entire site with engineer. Approx 6000gals. of kerosene had been released thru secondary containment after a failure in a valve mechanism from a 30,000gallon AST. In addition the containment drainage valve was left in the open position thereby allowing the product to be released. There was no apparent release to a surface water body, however a small unnamed creek was threatened.

Facility had hired Coastal Environmental Svcs. Inc and was busy performing mitigation activities. Hurricane Isabel was forecasted to hit the area later in the week and as a result

the contractor was performing in an expedited fashion. OSC performed an SPCC inspection and filed a report with the SPCC program in Atlanta. Numerous violations were detected including failure to implement an SPCC plan. OSC turned over the cleanup oversight authority to NCDENR - DWQ personnel.

IV. FUTURE ACTIONS

Followup SPCC inspection.

VI. COSTS

EPA - \$1,200